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SUBJ: KEOGH MEETING WITH DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY

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1. DIRECTOR KEOGH CALLED ON HUNGARIAN DEPUTY MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS JANOS NAGY JULY 9. MEETING LASTED 45 MINUTES AND WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE BY NAGY:

(A) AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED GREATLY IN ALL AREAS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS. IN CULTURAL FIELD, NEXT MOVE ON CULTURAL AGREEMENT IS UP TO USG.

(B) ONLY TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS CONCERNING USG AND GOH REMAIN UNSOLVED: MFN AND RETURN OF CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD APPROVAL OF MFN, BUT MATTER OF CROWN CONTINUES TO BE IMPORTANT ISSUE IN HUNGARY. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN ASKED BY GOH NOT TO RAISE SUBJECT PUBLICLY, BUT SOME ARE IMPATIENT.

(C) ALTHOUGH NOT CONSIDERED A MAJOR PROBLEM, RETURN TO HUNGARY OF PERSONS WHO DEPARTED IN 1956 IS A DELICATE MATTER. IF SUCH PERSONS RETURN AS TOURISTS THEY ARE WELCOME, BUT IF THEY RETURN IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS REPRESENTATIVES OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AS EXCHANGE SCHOLARS

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SENTATIVES OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AS EXCHANGE SCHOLARS

GOH IS PLACED IN AN AWKWARD POSITION. USG SHOULD SEEK TO
AVOID SUCH SITUATIONS.

3. FOREGOING HAS DIRECTOR KEOGH'S CONCURRENCE.

4. MEMCON ON MEETING WILL BE AIR POUCHED.
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